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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Special Activities

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SUBJECT: Criteria for Incorporation of Projects
into [redacted]

1. As a matter of interest, Security Staff, OSA, has for the past 21 months been campaigning both verbally and in writing (the last instance being a memorandum from the writer to Gen. Ledford on the subject of OSA's clearance posture and procedures) for the creation by SSC of suitable criteria for projects to be admitted into the [redacted]. Vastly oversimplified, the problem amounts to this: Every R&D proposal that comes down the pike from OEL, ORD, OSP or even OSA does not warrant inclusion into the [redacted] and indeed should not be afforded this treatment. The reason is that while the [redacted] bathes its projects in special personnel and physical security supports, it also produces certain liabilities. Specifically, it draws attention to the project at the NRO level and creates wear and tear on a record keeping system which should not be expected to house the here-today/gone-tomorrow study proposal.

2. A live example of what may be a brewing storm over the subject is contained in Tabs A and B. Tab A is [redacted] rehash of our mutually shared complaint, this time within the context of a current [redacted] dilemma. Tab B shows where Gen. Martin, Director, Program A, stands on the subject and suggests that the absence of a good criteria may very well play into Gen. Martin's hands in the months ahead.

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Chief, Security Staff
OSA

Attachments,
Tabs A & B

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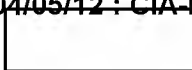
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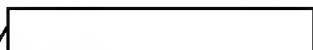
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